Non-Attachment of C-5 Coach to the Shatabdi Express

3512. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on 18th June, 1998, C-5 coach was not attached to the Shatbadi Express train operating between Delhi and Amritsar thus causing a great inconvenience and harassment to the passengers;

(b) if so, the details of this incident and whether any responsibility has been fixed against the officials for gross negligence of duty; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to check the rucurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) On 18.6.1998, C-5 coach was not attached on 2029 New Delhi-Amritsar Shatabdi Express due to unavoidable reasons. On 18.6.1998, only 12 passengers were booked in C-5 coach, who were adjusted in Coach No. C-3 and C-4. Inaddition, 13 seats were available on the train. Passengers inconvenienced were therefore, adjusted. All effoerts are being made to ensure that trains run with scheduled composition.

काशीपुर-लालकुंआ रेलवे गेज परिवर्तन योजना

3513. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:**

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या वर्ष 1996 में पूर्व रेल मंत्री ने काशीपुर-लालकुंआ रेलवे लाइन गेज परिवर्तन योजना का उद्घाटन किया था; यदि हां, तो उक्त योजना को पूरा करने के लिए क्या समय-सीमा निर्धारित की गई थी;

(ख) उक्त योजना की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है और यह कब तक पूरी हो जाएगी; और

(ग) क्या पूर्व मंत्री ने काशीपुर रेलवे स्टेशन के सौंदर्यकरण हेतु 70 लाख रुपए की घोषणा की थी; यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में स्थिति क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) और (ख) जी हां। 28.08.1996 को काशीपुर में भूतपूर्व प्रधानमंत्री ने तत्कालीन रेल मंत्री के साथ इस परियोजना का शिलान्यास किया था।

मिट्टी और पुल संबंधी कार्य प्रगति पर हैं। इस कार्य को 9वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान पूरा करने का लक्ष्य है बशर्ते कि संसाधान उपलब्ध हों।

(ग) तत्कालीन रेल मंत्री ने काशीपुर रेलवे स्टेशन के सौंदर्यकरण की घोषणा की थी। काशीपुर में 43.64 लाख रुपयों की कुल लागत पर निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य स्वीकृत किए गए हैं जो प्रगति के भिन्न-भिन्न चरणों में हैं:—

1. नल-कूप की कूप उतराई।
2. द्वीप प्लेटफार्म पर प्लेटफार्म सायवान।
3. प्लेटफार्म सं॰ 1 को ऊंचा करना।
4. कम्प्यूटर आधारित जन उद्घोषणा प्रणाली दोमुखी डिजीटल घड़ी।
5. प्लेटफार्म की प्रकाश-व्यवस्था में सुधार और सभी बिजली जोड़ों के साथ-साथ जल शीतक, छत के पंखों, ग्लों साइन बोर्डों की व्यवस्था।
6. सम्मिलन क्षेत्र (कॉनकोर्स) और द्वितीय श्रेणी प्रतीक्षा-हाल में कोटा पत्थर का फर्श।
7. प्रतीक्षलय (महिला) और विश्राम गृह की व्यवस्था।
8. पोली विनाईल क्लोराइड की ढली हुई कुर्सियों और बेंचों की व्यवस्था।

Broad gauge conversion of Nadiad-Kapadvanj railway line

3514. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Miniser of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nadiad-Kapadvanj railway line was to be extended to Modasa with broad gauge conversion and in the last budget three crores were provided for the same and the then Railway Minister had promised to sanction ten crores in revised budget;

(b) if so, whn the work will start; and

(c) what will be the additional budgetary provision so that the project can be implemented within two-three years as scheduled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. However, an outlay of Rs. 5 crores was provided for this work in the Budget 1997-98. The then Minister of Railways had stated his intention of increasing the outlay to Rs. 10 crores subject to availability of resources but this could not be done due to severe constraint of funds.

(b) The work is already in progress.

(c) The entire formation including bridges and ballast collection will be completed by June, 1999 for which the amount required by the Railway viz Rs. 3 crores has been provided in the budget 1998-99. The work will be completed in 1999-2000 subject to availability of resources.

Railways pulled up for importing expensive risky ABB locos

3515. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn in news item which appeared in "The Economic Times" (New Delhi) dated 15th June, 1998 under the caption "Railways Pulled up for importing expensive, risky ABB Locos"; and

(b) if so, the Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item is based on a recent Comptroller & Auditor General's Report. The detailed reply on various issues mentioned in the Report will be sent to C&AG in due course.

Irregularities in Chennai Railway Recruitment Board

3516. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have found large number of iregularities in the Chennai Railway Recruitment Board in the year, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against those who were found in the irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) One complaint alleging irregularities in recruitment to the post of Skilled Artisan on Southern Railway conducted by Railway Recruitment Board/Chennai in November, 1997 was received.

(b) The investigation is in progress.

(c) On completion of investigation, appropriate action will be taken.

इन्दौर-उज्जैन रेल मार्ग का विद्युतीकरण

3517. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तत्कालीन रेल मंत्री ने 12 अगस्त, 1997 को इन्दौर मे घोषणा की थी कि इन्दौर-उज्जैन रेल मार्ग के विद्युतीकरण को वर्ष 1998-99 के बजट में शामिल किया जाएगा; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन्दौर-उज्जैन रेल मार्ग का विद्युतीकरण कब तक पूरा कर लिया जाएगा?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।